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## CLAIMS LISTING

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### Claim 1 (amended)

A fastener-gripping tool comprising:

- a. a primary and secondary member, both having a handle,
- b. a nail pulling central portion,
- c. a pair of gripping ends,
- d. a claw at each said end,
- e. auto-centering and auto-sizing means.

### Claim 2 (amended)

The fastener-gripping tool of claim 1 wherein said primary and secondary members are hinged together at a central area thereby providing a rotary motion pivoting at said central area for aligning the claws at each extremity of the gripping ends.

### Claim 3 (amended)

The fastener-gripping tool of claims 1 and or 2 wherein said primary and secondary members are generally mirrored opposites to each other.

### Claim 4 (amended)

The fastener-gripping tool of claim 1 further comprising gripping ends at the extremity distal to the handles.

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Claim 5 (deleted)

The fastener-gripping tool of claim 4 wherein said gripping ends further comprise opposing claws.

Claim 6 (as filed)

The fastener-gripping tool of claim 4 wherein the primary member is adapted with one central claw and the secondary members is adapted with two claws, one at either side of the primary member's central claw.

Claim 7 (amended)

The fastener-gripping tool of claim 6 wherein said claws have a triangular opening within the inner surfaces of each claw thereby forming a generally square opening between the claws when viewed from above.

Claim 8 (amended)

The fastener-gripping tool of claims 1, 5, 6 and 7 wherein the claw extremities are pointed generally sharply so as to ease picking up a fastener laid onto a surface.

Claim 9 (amended)

The fastener-gripping tool of claim 1 wherein the use thereof is to gather, hold and align a fastener such as a nail or screw while driving said fastener.

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### Claim 2 (amended)

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### Claim 3 (amended)

The fastener-gripping tool of claim 1 or 2 wherein said primary and secondary members are generally mirrored opposites to each other.

### Claim 4 (amended)

The fastener-gripping tool of claim 1 further comprising gripping ends distal to the handles at each extremity of the primary and secondary members.

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**Claim 6 (as filed)**

The fastener-gripping tool of claim 4 wherein the primary member is adapted with one central claw and the secondary members is adapted with two claws, one at either side of the primary member's central claw.

**Claim 7 (amended)**

The fastener-gripping tool of claim 6 wherein said claws have a triangular opening within the inner surfaces of each claw thereby forming a generally square opening between the claws when viewed from above, and providing an auto-centering grip for a fastener such as a nail or screw.

**Claim 8 (amended)**

The fastener-gripping tool of claim 1, 5, 6 or 7 wherein the claw extremities are pointed generally sharply so as to ease picking up a fastener laid onto a surface.

**Claim 9 (amended)**

The fastener-gripping tool of claim 1 wherein the use thereof is to gather, hold and automatically align any conventional size fastener such as a nail or screw while

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driving said fastener, all by means of the auto-centering and auto-sizing features of the present invention.